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SCHOOL 1ST XI, 1953

*Standing* : Pilgrim, R. G., R. F. Sainsbury, Jones, R. C., Olsen, T. C., D. J. Crump, I. T. Johnston, A. Harvey  
*Sitting* : F. E. J. Hawkins, M. Walker, R. C. Wing (Capt.), J. W. Pursey, R. C. Ashby Draper (Scorer)

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## EDITORIAL

In 1945 the world looked on the past and breathed anew, jubilant ; then people thought of the future and shuddered. A new generation, fostered in hate and war was at the door, facing a new and mysterious situation—peace. All, and particularly those who were to be called upon to teach understanding to these young beings, must have been infinitely more apprehensive of the result of their labour than when, in normal times, a new generation was presented to them. But “*Nihil fortis difficile*” and they came through, not unscathed but triumphant.

In that fateful year, the Royal Grammar School was as shaken by the preceding six years as the world, shaken to its foundations and tottering. The wartime Assistant Masters and Assistant Mistresses, pulling together, were still there, fighting a courageous battle against a vastly increased intake of pupils. Then things began gradually to return to the norm, and then, slowly, imperceptibly, inexorably, to rise above it, and to set, with the passing of each year, an increasingly high standard, both in number and achievement. The School expanded, a balloon threatening ever to burst ; the danger mark was reached, and the Junior School, an ugly blot of temporary buildings, was the result. The solitary boarding-house was found insufficient for needs and therefore two more large houses were purchased and immediately filled. Here was a working yeast, a flood seeking new outlets.

All this has happened in eight years ; before 1939, such a picture would have been declared ludicrous, almost outrageous. The Royal Grammar School at High Wycombe has been acknowledged now to be one of the finest schools of its kind in the country. Our prestige grows as rapidly as the School expands ; ours is a school to be proud of.

In 1962, the School will celebrate the quatercentenary anniversary of its foundation in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. In the nine years between now and then much must be done to rid us once and for all time of the scars, both direct and indirect, of the war.

The new pavilion, a new Junior School, intensive repair and rebuilding—all these have to come in a veritable search for "*Lebensraum*." Only one thing is lacking : the final link in the chain of connection with 1562. May the much hoped for appearance of Queen Elizabeth the Second forge that link, and may 1962 be, in every way, the School's most illustrious year.

### ALDERMAN HEALEY

On the afternoon of Tuesday, April 28th, a Memorial Service was held in the School Hall in honour of the late Walter Herbert Healey, J.P., Governor of the School between the years 1925 and 1953, and Chairman of the Governors from 1938 to 1947. Mrs. Healey was present and the Headmaster conducted the Service. In his address, the Headmaster spoke of Alderman Healey's great service to education in the County and especially in the High Wycombe area. Alderman Healey had worked with all his heart toward securing for the greatest number of young people those opportunities of education which before had been open only to the privileged few. He had always supported wholeheartedly any project for the betterment of the Royal Grammar School and he would go down in the School's annals as one of a line of fine Chairmen and as one of its chief benefactors.

### SALVETE

We were glad to welcome during the year five new members of the staff :—

- D. J. Barnes, Esq., B.A. (Liverpool), who comes on to the Modern Languages Staff, fresh from the University, to teach French.
- D. W. G. Ingate, Esq., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., who has taken up the post of organist at the High Wycombe Parish Church, and has come to join Mr. Piner as Assistant Music Master.
- G. E. Morgan, Esq., B.Sc. (Bristol), who joins the Science Section of the Staff, after three years' Army service.
- A. L. Nicholas Esq., B.A. (Oxon.), who has joined the Modern Languages Staff to teach French.
- D. T. Nightingale, Esq., an old Wycombiensian, who, after courses at Carnegie and Culham College, has come from Lordsfield School, Basingstoke, to be Assistant Physical Training Master and to help with the Naval Section.

Last, but by no means last, we welcome a new bursar ; bursars, certainly since the war, have come and then left again after but brief stays. We wish Group Captain G. A. R. Muschamp a long and happy stay at the School. He gained a degree in engineering and languages at Cambridge and since then has held many important positions in the Royal Air Force, being one of its founder members.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following, who gained Open Scholarship Awards :—

- D. A. Hester, Open Exhibition in Classics at Jesus College, Cambridge.
- P. Kirwan, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge.
- E. Hall, Open Choral Exhibition at Exeter College, Oxford.
- M. A. F. Hussein, Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Balliol College, Oxford.

Congratulations also to the following boys who were awarded State Scholarships on the result of the General Certificate of Education, Advanced and Scholarship level :—

- M. A. Crowther, for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- P. C. S. Hall, for Geography, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- K. James, for Modern Languages, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- B. A. Knock, for Mathematics and Science, Imperial College of Science, London University.
- D. J. White, for Classics, University College, London.

Congratulations to the following, who gained Services Awards :

- A. J. Elburn and D. F. M. Bright, R.A.F. Technical Cadetships.
- M. J. L. Rider, R.N. Cadetship at Dartmouth.
- P. S. Reader, Army Cadetship at Sandhurst.
- P. P. Crowther, R.A.F. General Duties Cadetship at Cranwell.
- J. Deller and M. Lacey, R.A.F. Flying Scholarships.

Congratulations also to the following, who were chosen on their performances in the County Sports to compete in the All-England Sports at the R.A.F. Stadium, Uxbridge :—

- C. M. Nash, High Jump (Senior).
- R. Ludlam, 880 yards (Senior).
- B. K. Johnson, Long Jump (Intermediate).
- K. C. Jones, 880 yards (Intermediate).
- R. I. Garratt, 880 yards (Senior), placed 5th.  
and particularly to
- A. J. Gordon, who won the Intermediate 440 yards.

Congratulations to the XV and the XI on having such successful seasons.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### General.

At the end of the Spring term we were pleased to have a return visit from Mrs. Klemperer, who accompanied by Miss Hook, sang German folk songs and *lieder* to the German sets, and boys either interested in, or taking music in the School.

A party of Staff and Sixth Form boys visited the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, to see Donald Wolfit's production of *King Lear*, on March 19th.

The School Sports were held on May 7th.

The music competition took place on May 22nd. The resultant order was : 1st, Fraser ; 2nd, Youens ; 3rd, Arnison ; 4th, Disraeli.

The Fête and Bazaar was held on May 30th.

The C.C.F. was inspected by three staff officers on June 11th.

Some 400 boys went on the School trip to Cheddar on July 9th.

A Memorial Service was held on July 12th in which the tablet containing the names of Old Boys and masters killed in the war was unveiled.

The annual Speech Day took place on July 16th.

On July 17th a small party of athletes represented Bucks schools in the All-England Sports at Uxbridge.

Throughout the term we welcomed several parties of German and Finnish visitors.

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## SPEECH DAY

The annual Speech Day was held this year on the afternoon of Thursday, July 16th. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Pugh Lloyd, G.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., LL.D., the principal speaker, was received by a guard of honour formed by cadets of the C.C.F. Air Section. The chairman, Mr. P. C. Raffety, J.P., opened the proceedings in the School Hall and paid tribute to the late Alderman W. H. Healey, who for many years had been chairman of the Governors.

The Headmaster preceded his annual report by welcoming Sir Hugh Lloyd not only as a great representative of a service with which the School had so many contacts, but also as a fellow Welshman, and as one who had shown him personal kindnesses. He also expressed his delight to see the Vice-Chairman, Alderman R. P. Clarke, M.A., B.C.L., and Mrs. Clarke become Mayor and Mayoress of High Wycombe once more, while one of the newest of the Governors, Mr. MacAlister Bexon, had been awarded the C.B.E.

Then he told of the generous gift of trees made by Mr. R. W. Bartlett and Mr. A. Wiltshire, which would be planted in October, when it was hoped that the front of the School would be improved.

In his report the Headmaster said that none of the Staff had left and the only addition was to be an Old Boy, Mr. D. Nightingale, who was to be a second physical training master.

Mr. Piner, assisted by Mr. Ingate, had carried on the musical activities begun by Mr. Rainbow, who had been so striking a figure in the School's life of the past few years. The production of "The Yeomen of the Guard," and the choir's performance in the Wycombe Musical Festival stood as testimonies of Mr. Piner's own excellence in this sphere.

As a memorial to the Old Boys who were killed in the war, the erection of a tablet and the building of a pavilion were proposed. Enough money had been subscribed for the tablet, which had been unveiled a few days earlier, but it was only by the help and goodwill of so many that the Fête had raised £1,020, which would enable the much-needed pavilion to be built. Mr. E. Janes, an Old Boy, was thanked for undertaking to do all the architectural work free of charge.

Individually the Old Boys continued to distinguish themselves, especially in scholarship. K. Kenyon, A. G. Duckering and C. J. Goodchild were mentioned in this connection. Five others were to take Holy Orders which, the Headmaster suggested, was some indication of a movement growing all over the world. They were J. Skipp, M. Allan, J. Tarrant and M. Butler; and R. Lang was at one of the cardinal colleges at Rome.

In the School itself, only the Sixth Form left any room for expansion. For the first time it was considered that the County awards were forthcoming to all those proceeding to the University who had shown themselves worthy. The year had not been outstanding, although E. Hall's Choral Exhibition had had no precedent in the history of the School, and in addition Hester, Kirwan and Ali Hussein had all gained Exhibitions at either Oxford or Cambridge.

A particularly good year had been had by both the XV and the XI, while the cross-country had had a poor season. Garratt, Johnson and Gordon were outstanding athletes individually. The chess team came to the fore by taking the Berks and Bucks Chess Shield from Eton College.

The great achievements of the year would not have been possible without the loyal and generous support of the Governors, Staff, Parents, Old Boys and friends of the School, who could not be too highly praised for their help. Yet a few parents were too apt to be swayed by their boys' wishes rather than the School's when it was to be decided which academic line should be followed. A certain

dedication to the future was necessary if boys were to take classics or modern languages in which the School was justly proud of its tradition of scholars. But the country was coming to realize the need for them as much as for the scientists.

After the Headmaster's report, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd presented the cups and prizes. In his speech which followed Sir Hugh spoke of the great advances in aviation, and stressed that the complex technical developments necessitated a constant supply of people highly educated in science—for which he made a strong plea, in spite of the Headmaster's natural leaning to classics.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Alderman Clarke, and seconded by Councillor G. H. Baker, J.P.

After tea, the Commemoration Service was held in the High Wycombe Parish Church, in which the Rev. J. N. Keeling, Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F., and the father of two Wycombians, preached an excellent sermon to the guests and boys who made up the large congregation.

#### GOVERNORS' CERTIFICATES

P. C. S. Hall, M. G. Walker, R. C. Wing, G. J. Bristow, D. J. Crump, E. Hall, D. A. Hester, P. Kirwan, T. Abdallah, C. M. J. Edwards, R. C. File, R. I. Garratt, B. Lewis, I. J. McCreery, J. Weaver.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

**Headmaster's Prize :** P. C. S. Hall.

**Governor's Reading Prize :** R. J. Handscombe, P. G. Varley.

**Governor's Classics Prize** (presented by R. P. Clarke, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.): D. A. Hester.

**Graefe Cup** for best C.C.F. Cadet : C.S.M. J. Weaver.

**Harte Cup** for A.T.C. (presented by Wing-Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Flt.-Sgt. B. Lewis.

**Art Shield** (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : R. F. Palmer.

**Hope Cup** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope) : S. R. C. Malin.

**Marti Prize for French** (presented by Mrs. A. Marti) : P. Kirwan.

**Thorne Prize for English** (presented by Mrs. G. Bayley) : G. R. Smyth.

**Westney Prize for Music** (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : D. J. Crump.

#### FORM PRIZES

FORM II A :

- 1st, H. C. Bramley
- 2nd, J. H. Holmes

FORM III x :

- 1st, S. C. Williams
- 2nd, C. J. Date
- 3rd, J. D. Neville

FORM II B :

- 1st, J. A. Vickers
- 2nd, J. H. Hewish

FORM III A :

- 1st, D. P. May
- 2nd, P. J. Muller

Form II c :

- 1st, W. E. Shackell
- 2nd, P. G. Robson

FORM III s :

- 1st, M. Jarman
- 2nd, D. E. Breslin

## FORM IVx :

- 1st, A. Harvey  
2nd, P. M. Slotkin  
3rd, M. F. Barber

## FORM IVA :

- 1st, I. P. Roe  
2nd, J. King

## FORM IVs :

- 1st, P. D. Hares  
2nd, C. W. Anthony

## FORM IV SHELL :

- 1st, N. E. J. Craft  
2nd, J. P. Quick

## FORM Vx :

- 1st, B. R. Wright  
2nd, E. C. Bond  
3rd, J. C. Briden

## FORM VA :

- 1st, F. Cooper  
2nd, K. F. Biggs

## FORM Vs :

- 1st, R. Bond  
2nd, R. A. Law

## FORM V SHELL :

- 1st, M. Deitchman  
2nd, D. P. Hall

## FORM VUA :

- 1st, D. A. Price  
2nd, B. D. Batchelor  
3rd, D. S. Hearn

## FORM VUS :

- 1st, D. J. Gittins  
2nd, T. J. Carter  
3rd, P. N. Rogers

## FORM VU SHELL :

- 1st, J. E. Batt  
2nd, T. B. Baldwin

## FORM VIR :

- 1st, B. A. Boreham  
2nd, R. D. Morbey

## NEATNESS PRIZES :

- VIR & Vu, R. D. Morbey  
V, B. Wright  
IV, P. D. Hares  
III, R. G. Saunders  
II, J. A. Vickers

## SPEECH PRIZES :

- VI, C. P. Keeling  
Vu, P. J. Woods  
V, D. J. Slade  
IV, N. P. A. Thomas  
III, C. S. J. Mardell  
II, E. W. Burrows

## HANDICRAFT PRIZE :

- G. W. Baker

## MUSIC PRIZE :

- T. B. Baldwin

## FORM VI—1ST YEAR :

- Greek* : B. H. Reed  
*Latin* : N. E. Smith  
*French* : D. M. Jago  
*German* : G. E. Bates  
*English* : A. J. Mactavish  
*History* : G. Warner  
*Economics* : W. A. Booth  
*Geography* : C. E. C. Greely  
*Chemistry* : R. F. Sainsbury  
*Physics* : C. R. F. Maunder  
*Mathematics* : C. R. F. Maunder  
*Botany* : } J. M. Chinery  
*Zoology* : }  
*Spanish* : R. H. Powell

## FORM VI—2ND and 3RD YEAR :

- Greek* : { J. W. Pursey  
A. J. Saddler  
*Latin* : C. P. Keeling  
*Classics* : G. D. B. Jones  
*Ancient*  
*History* : G. D. B. Jones  
*French* : B. G. Bignell  
*German* : R. E. Lomas  
*English* : P. P. Crowther  
*Spanish* : M. G. Walker  
*History* : P. Windsor  
*Geography* : P. C. S. Hall  
*Economics* : D. Rear  
*Chemistry* : B. K. Johnson  
*Physics* : { G. J. Bristow  
D. J. Griffiths  
*Botany* : R. A. Mann  
*Zoology* : M. A. F. Husscin  
*Mathematics* : P. W. James

## PRIZE FOR CHORAL EXHIBITION :

- E. Hall

## SCHOOL HOUSE

The Summer term brought about few changes in School House beyond the additional luxury of curtains in the dining-room. Rumour has it that it might be possible for the long-awaited improvements in the changing-room to be made within the next decade ; but one does not like to be too hopeful.

However, our hopes for the season's cricket have been amply fulfilled. R. F. Sainsbury was awarded his 1st XI colours after some excellent batting. A. J. C. Wright captained the Colts, with the support of four other boarders from this house, which includes Smithers, who gained his colours. R. C. Jones, Edwards and Lawson all played for the Junior Colts. In athletics we were not quite so successful, though K. Faulkner was able to win the Under 15 Cup.

Despite the time spent on sport (and other things) the House seems to have done a fair amount of work—at least, enough to enable it to secure a considerable number of the prizes on Speech Day. Whether it was enough to give us an equal number of successes in the Oxford exams., we have yet to learn.

The dance at Pipers Corner provided some very pleasant entertainment for a few members of the House, several having deserted us for the sake of other interests. It is hoped that we will have many as successful meetings in the future.

This year the Scouts are going to Salcombe, in Devon, for their camp. When they return next term many will find that they no longer belong to our "happy brethren." Those who do come back to School House must "welcome" the new comers. P. Crowther, who is to become a Cranwell cadet, and J. Lawson, who is going to Australia, are among the leavers, to whom we wish the best of luck.

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P. G. VARLEY.

## TYLERS WOOD

The Summer term at Tylers Wood is both pleasant and sad. Pleasant because the House and its setting is at its best in Spring and Summer, and sad because it is the time to say goodbye to many old friends.

Since the last issue of the *Wycombiensian* the House is glad to record A. F. Hussein's exhibition in Natural Science at Balliol College, Oxford, an achievement of the highest order. We are hopeful that others will aspire to do as well.

We are pleased to record also A. J. Gordon's achievements in athletics. To wind up a very successful season by winning the 440 yds. at the All-England Finals in 51.9 seconds was for a boy of sixteen a very fine performance.

Apart from the departure of A. F. Hussein, we are saddened by the loss of C. M. J. Edwards and I. T. Johnston, two boys who have helped to build up the good traditions of the House in various ways. We wish them all a happy and successful career and will extend to them a warm welcome whenever they wish to return. R.P.

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### UPLYME HOUSE

The end of this term is the end of an era in the history of the House. All our really senior boys are leaving and our prefectorial system starts once again from scratch.

We wish to congratulate our Senior Prefect, E. Hall, on his choral scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford, and wish him every success in the Engineering School, on the Rugby field and in the choir stalls. McCreery, after years of faithful service, is leaving for the London School of Economics, and G. Baker goes to the London School of Architecture. Agar hopes to have a future in architecture, too, but G.C.E. results have an important bearing on this. We wish our leavers all that is good in the future that lies before them in the cold hard world.

We are glad to see Sallows and Gregory playing for School cricket teams and we are sure that the enthusiasm of the rest of the House for cricket will see many being selected for School teams before long.

Many of our lads have tried their G.C.E. this term and we hope that their hearts will be gladdened when Mr. P. L. Jones sends on their post-cards to them during the holidays. M.M.D.

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### ARMY SECTION, C.C.F.

The Summer Term is marked by two important events—Annual Inspection and Camp.

The Annual Inspection was carried out by Major-General H. Bainbridge, C.B., C.B.E., of the War Office. His report was very complimentary on training and administration, but not so on missing cap badges!

Annual Camp this year was at St. Martin's Plain, near Folkestone. A record number of 79 cadets represented the School at a very successful camp. The three regular attenders, Major R. Pattinson, Capt. M. M. Davies and Capt. L. T. Hollingworth, were very pleased to have the company of Lieut. G. E. Morgan, of the Royal Signals, at camp this year and of Sgt. D. G. Hyde, R.A.O.C., who took his National Service leave to attend camp with his old contingent.

The contingent very quickly settled down to camp life and undoubtedly was one of the most efficient ever to represent the School.

The School had the distinction of being judged best on lines inspection, and second in the guard-mounting competition, beaten by Dartford Grammar School by one mark only. The members of the guard were Sgt. B. A. Veale, Cpl. R. B. Davies, Cpl. E. R. Maun, D. J. Slade, M. J. Smith, R. J. A. Stack, R. D. Thomson. It was trained entirely by C.S.M. J. Weaver outside normal school time, and they are all to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and the high standard of their turn-out and drill.

The general efficiency of the camp was due in no small measure to the excellence of the N.C.O.'s, particularly the Senior N.C.O.'s—C.S.M. J. Weaver, R.Q.M.S. G. D. B. Jones, C.S.M. A. D. Barrett and C.S.M. J. L. Fellows.

Undoubtedly all the cadets enjoyed this camp—a good preparation for Certificate "A" Parts I and II, and for the older cadets for National Service, whilst at the same time, sea-bathing (properly supervised) and the proximity of Folkestone made it pleasant for those cadets whose only summer holiday it is. R.P.

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### **R.A.F. SECTION, C.C.F.**

Instruction by cadet N.C.O.'s has been a feature of the work of the R.A.F. Section since the last report in February. It is hoped that the success of this work will be reflected in the results of the July Proficiency Examination which was taken by 22 cadets.

On Speech Day, the Guard of Honour for our distinguished R.A.F. guest was provided by the R.A.F. Section. Practice and preparation for this event was carried out despite the rival claims of public examinations and the many other important activities which crowd into the end of the Summer Term. The cadets concerned are to be warmly congratulated on the smartness with which they carried out their duties.

Sgt. P. P. Crowther has been successful in gaining the coveted admission to the R.A.F. College at Cranwell. He takes with him the best wishes of all in the unit for his future success.

Flying Scholarships have been gained by Cpl. M. Lacey and by L/Cadet J. Deller. The latter expects to complete his training at White Waltham during the summer vacation.

Interest in gliding is increasing. A number of cadets are now awaiting vacancies in courses at Booker. Cpl. M. Lacey and Cpl. A. J. R. Deacon are eagerly looking forward to the exciting experience of being passengers in the National Gliding Competitions which are

to be held at Great Hucklow in Derbyshire at the end of July. A team of our cadets is to demonstrate the rapid assembly, use and dismantling of a Primary Glider at an A.T.C. display to be held at H.Q. Home Command on August 8th. They have been practising assiduously whilst at summer camp and have been startlingly successful in reducing the time needed for this demonstration.

The summer camp at R.A.F. Shawbury, in Shropshire, has been most successful. In spite of poor weather conditions cadets each had about four hours' flying. There was also some night-flying experience for many of them and some Lincoln flying for others. For the 40 cadets concerned the camp has been a most enjoyable termination to the year's training.

Our gratitude is again expressed to Mr. A. D. Leggett and to Mr. J. C. Butterfield for their continued interest and participation in the work of the R.A.F. Section.

E.M.

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### ROYAL NAVAL SECTION, C.C.F.

The Summer Term has been, from the normal training viewpoint, a very broken affair. During the first few weeks a great deal of time was spent in preparing for the Annual Inspection. Latterly time has been lost due to other school activities and examinations. Some cadets have, however, found time for work, and ten attempted the Leading Seaman Examination on July 6th.

Lieutenant Commander Dyer, R.N., who came with General Bainbridge for the Inspection, expressed great satisfaction with the work of the Section and apologized for the tardiness of all concerned in not sending our new uniforms. Those on parade are to be congratulated on their smart turn-out and marching. The inclement weather upset our programme, but all pulled their weight and kept in good humour.

Summer training for twelve cadets only has been possible owing to lack of accommodation in H.M. ships. This is extremely disappointing and it is hoped that new arrangements will be forthcoming next year.

A hearty welcome is extended to Mr. Nightingale, who is coming to us next term.

T.E.H.

## THE SCHOOL OUTING

On Thursday, July 9th, the second annual School Outing took place. This year a visit was made to Bath and Cheddar, a long but by no means dull journey. At Bath a stop of 95 minutes was arranged during which most of the party visited the Roman Baths, the Abbey and the Pump Room, where at least one member of the gathering was persuaded by an irate attendant that the Sedan chairs were there to be viewed rather than as resting places. We tasted the waters with practically unvaried comment.

Back at the Station, those in charge of parties could be seen passing about in search of members of their group. Everybody, however, survived the undoubted hazards of this first part of the outing.

At Cheddar Station we were informed that a gap in the hills, apparently distant from us by several miles, was the Gorge, and thither we were instructed to proceed. After passing the cakes and ice-cream parlours which are the inevitable companions of any spot of interest, we were able to assess the unique beauty of the Gorge.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the trip was spent in Gough's Caves—a series of vaults extending for miles beneath the limestone hills of the region, the chief attraction being the stalactite and stalagmite formations. Within a guide book was found the information that “When lightly struck many of the stalactites emit notes of perfect purity.” A party of more senior boys, perhaps seeking souvenirs, gathered round one formation growing from the roof. They found that “when heavily struck at least one of the stalactites emits an unmusical note of unpleasant intensity,” so they fled.

After enjoying a cooked meal in a nearby restaurant, the party slowly dispersed, some to vendors of strawberries and the Station, but others, inspired perhaps by the recent successful assault of Everest, and despite the warning notices, determined to scale the cliffs. As we looked back on our way to the Station, small figures could be seen leaping from crag to crag, and beneath them an angry master shouting and gesticulating with little success, surrounded by a crowd of admiring onlookers. We started back a little late, and at a few minutes past nine some four hundred tired but very satisfied members of the School made for home to wash the grime and fruit juice from their faces and comb the limestone from their hair.

P. C. S. HALL.

## FROM NOON TO DEWY EVE

In the first place let me explain to my reader that the title of this article is purely irrelevant, and what's more has nothing to do with the ensuing few words, but as for the last nine years I have been trying to get an article with this title into the magazine without success, I decided that as a parting gesture I would fool the Editorial staff by putting the wretched title to an entirely different article and thus rid myself of the millstone round my neck.

The purpose of this, my final effort, is to reveal to you all the real truth behind that sober effort usually to be found in the front of this magazine, called "School Notes." My friends, be ye not deceived by these dry observations. In their place I would like to present to you . . . THE TRUTH! . . . THE GENUINE NEWS BEHIND THE NOTES. What actually happens, honestly and fearlessly recorded by my team of sleuths, including Mr. Emmanuel Cornwax and Sebastian Muleboot, Esquire, B.A. (Leeds).

### Staff Notes :

At the last Staff meeting a motion to establish Welsh as the official language of the School was defeated by only two votes.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Alistair Mactavish, B.A. (Edinburgh) and Mr. Patrick O'Regan, Dip.Ed. (Dublin), whose teaching careers at the School have been surprisingly short. In their places we welcome Messrs. Wyn Owens and Glyn Efans, who answered the School advertisement in *Cwm Ome*, the Welsh daily paper.

### General :

On October 27th the annual Prefects' outing was held at "The *Le Suspension Pont*." The Head Prefect, making his third speech of the evening, reiterated his belief that they were all jolly good fellows, and then led the applause. The success of the evening was such that everybody was very happy when they left.

The Water and Weeds Society organised a trip to Cookham, when 14 members spent an enjoyable and instructive afternoon diving in and out of the Thames gathering flora. Unfortunately the Society neglected to pack any tea, but enjoyed a hearty makeshift meal of plankton.

The Chess Club met.

The Music Society had a most informative talk from Mr. Sugar Chile Happybody on "More recent trends in Music." The proceeds of this lecture, which was illustrated by Mr. Happybody on the Sacbut, were just sufficient to replace the broken windows.

The Dramatic Society will not produce a dramatised version of "Beowulf."

The boy who left a Rugby ball on the 1st XI square may have it back on applying to Mr. Beeson.

The Staff Bridge tournament was won by Mr. Luckless, who is now teaching elsewhere.

**Congratulations to :**

E. Cranweeble on the leniency of his sentence.

C. L. Blackely Williams on being engaged as vocalist to Geraldo.

All those who hold SIGNALS CLASSIFICATION, and even more so to those who don't.

HERODOTUS.

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**THE INDEPENDENT BRIAR**

The rose  
That grows  
In vernal shower  
Unhelped, unplanned  
By human hand,  
Is that a self-raising flower?

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**ARNISON HOUSE**

In the last report, the Powers That Be in Arnison House found little to commend and much to blame in the Senior section of the House. Now, at last, they can let bygones be bygones and praise the spirit which eight young men, one old man and two very old men of the House showed in winning the House Cricket Competition.

That there should be anyone at all in the House capable of dreaming of such a victory will no doubt appear incredible to former members of House teams now departed hence. Nevertheless, the fact remains that there were eleven men capable of achieving the impossible—for this is the first time since the war that the House has won a major inter-House competition.

In this unprecedented good humour our report will close (it is, however, to be regretted that the Tennis Competition, in which we had great hopes of victory, was not played off). But that cannot cloud our sunshine—or ought we to be a little restrained? After all, the Rugby has still to come. Sunshine? Good humour? Wait and see.

M. G. WALKER.

## FRASER HOUSE

Fraser did not have its fair share of luck in the Spring term, but we were amply repaid this Summer. There was little suggestion of this reversal in the first round of the cricket in the match with Disraeli. Placing all hope in poor Disraeli batting, and the success of our first few batsmen, we suffered a great disappointment ; we found instead that the Disraeli batsmen really excelled themselves, while our first five batsmen made less than five runs between them ! Only some good batting from Deitchman and some happy smiting from Abdallah saved the XI from the most ignominious of defeats.

It was in the sports that our first triumph came. We had very few stars—especially in the Upper School, but after a little persuasion, entries were numerous, and many points were gained in the heats. The rivalry with Youens was so marked that the outcome of the competition was still in doubt with only the senior relay left. At the last change-over things went awry for the Youens team and they were disqualified. So Fraser won. This time the luck had certainly gone against Youens. Nevertheless, our victory served to show that these House competitions can be won by the spirited performances of the many against other Houses which rely on their more talented few.

As if to support this, the music competition was won by much the same method. Youens undoubtedly had the " stars," but we, too, were fortunate in having a large share of the School's musicians. Hemuss is to be particularly congratulated. Besides playing extremely well as a solo pianist, he was most valuable in the dictation, composition, and in the House Choir as well. Hearn also deserves mention for giving so much time as our accompanist. Yet it was the choir that did most of all to win the competition and which we must congratulate, and while Fraser continues to perform so well in concerted activities the House will continue to win.

R. C. FILE.

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## DISRAELI HOUSE

Another School year has ended and although we have succeeded in winning only one of the inter-House competitions, namely the Boxing, we can look back on our achievements with some satisfaction. Everyone who has taken part in the House activities has pulled his weight and has shown excellent team spirit.

We did well in the Athletic Sports, although not quite well enough to carry off the cup. We must congratulate Legg, who was runner-up in the Group Two championship, and McIntyre, who was runner-up in Group Three, on their splendid performances. Next year we would like to see even more boys entering for the sports and gaining valuable points for their House.

We failed to distinguish ourselves in the Music competition, although Hobson put in some very hard work in organising our musical efforts. The soloists performed very well, but our madrigal group was a little disappointing. In future we must have more rehearsals to ensure that our choir can equal our soloists in excellence of performance.

The Cricket competition was very keenly contested and we reached the final again by beating Fraser after a very exciting match. Harvey played a forceful innings and Ashby and Olsen bowled extremely well. Pilgrim captained our side admirably and we were confident of beating Arnison in the final. Unfortunately, thanks to some good bowling by Pursey and a winning stand by Walker and Wing, we were well beaten. Next year we will indeed be a force to be reckoned with, as none of our acknowledged stars is leaving.

B. K. JOHNSON.

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## YOUENS HOUSE

Once again we come to the end of another term. Not quite such a successful term as the previous one, but by no means disappointing. Nevertheless, we did have bad luck in not winning either the music competition or the athletics.

The athletics competition held at the beginning of the term was lost by a few points. But for the misfortune of being disqualified in the senior relay we should have won. Even so, we needed more support from the Juniors. To put your name down is not sufficient ; you must turn out. Barratt, Faulkner, Richardson and Gordon all ran well, especially the latter, who clipped over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds off J. E. Woodward's  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile record.

In the middle of the term we played Arnison in the first round of the cricket competition, and suffered crushing defeat.

In the music competition we lost, again by only a few points, the shield which we won last year. Our soloists were very good, but our choir did not maintain the high standard of last year.

R. LUDLAM.

## CHESS CLUB

The Chess team, by defeating Reading School 4—2 in the final, won the Berks and Bucks Schools Shield for the first time. Team : D. A. Hester (Capt.), J. R. P. Ashby (Vice-Capt.) R. A. Stevenson, D. J. Griffiths, D. S. Sutton, B. A. Boreham, R. A. P. Wilson (reserve).

The School competition was won by Hester, who defeated Ashby, last year's winner, in the final.

D. A. HESTER.

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## MUSIC SOCIETY

What with exams., school outings, Speech Day, General Inspection and such, all falling on Thursdays, the latter part of this term has been mainly dead to the Society ; but before half-term, we held a fair number of meetings and successfully managed to hear some excellent and varied works. The crowning achievement was, perhaps, the meeting where C. J. Goodchild kindly lent his long-player adapter, and we were able to hear much of his interesting, diverse and even vastly amusing collection of long-playing records. I should like to thank many members for their constant help and advice during the past year, and especially C. R. F. Maunder for placing his almost invaluable collection of records at our disposal.

P. KIRWAN.

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## TWENTIETH CENTURY OPINION SOCIETY

Despite the numerous activities of the Summer term, the Society was able to squeeze three debates into the term's programme. The first, was a "Feenix" debate at which I. J. McCreery seconded the motion that "Adam's rib should have been left where it was." A. A. W. Cuttenden, of Borlase School, Marlow, gave an inspiring speech, putting forward many excellent reasons for the uselessness of women, but unfortunately the motion was defeated, after Miss Margaret Upson, of Maidenhead, had stated the final arguments for her sex.

Next we had another "Feenix" debate. This time it was a Balloon debate, with the annual social taking place afterwards. It was held at Wycombe High School, whose arrangements were extremely good. Miss Veronica Woodrow, of Slough, as Mrs. Braddock, and B. Sinnatt as Gilbert Harding, spoke very well. Unfortunately the chairman was not able to be present and the speeches from the floor were poor. After the speakers had summed up it was decided almost unanimously to throw Senator McCarthy out of the Balloon.

Last but not least was the debate with Wycombe Abbey. Not being able to use the Library, we had to have the debate in rather less attractive surroundings. This did not seem, however, to make it any the less lively. A. Gordon, who spoke extraordinarily well, was supported by Miss Jane Niven in his attempt to convince the audience "that Errol Flynn is preferable to Gladstone as a type of man." But the opposition put forward by Miss Philippa Fox and B. Sinnatt was too strong for them, and the motion was defeated by 12 votes. The result was very enjoyable; some of P. Crowther's remarks from the floor were magnificent. Let us hope that our successors will enjoy future debates as much as we have enjoyed these.

P. G. VARLEY.

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### THE ANNUAL STAFF TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The tournament this year, with two-thirds of the Staff taking part, was as hard fought as ever. In spite of some exceedingly intense, enthusiastic and even crafty practice put in by the rabbits, the final itself was left to the established players. There was as much excitement off the court as on, when the normally volatile Mr. Hood, supported by an extremely steady and slim Mr. Ashford, restrained himself sufficiently to play an immaculate game. Surprisingly, they beat the holders, the Head and Mr. Coventry, in two straight sets, 6—4, 7—5, and not even the rain could detract from such a well-fought match.

A.L.R.

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### THE ANNUAL STAFF GOLF TOURNAMENT

A hard-fought tournament ended in a victory for Mr. Morgan and Mr. Coventry. A feature of the tournament was the unexpectedly good play of one or two irregular golfers who, by secret practice, undid the work of the handicapping committee. A mysterious 'phone call on the night before the final, aimed at shaking the confidence of one of the losing finalists, has been traced to an Ibstone call-box.

Scores and results were :—

**First Round :** R. Pattinson and J. B. Benson (scratch) beat G. A. R. Muschamp and W. A. Rees (12) by 5 and 4. S. Morgan and A. A. W. Coventry (6) beat G. G. Browning and H. W. Johnson (14) in a walk-over. C. M. Haworth and P. L. Jones (8) beat A. S. Hett and D. J. Barnes (14) by 5 and 3. H. Scott and R. Howard (12) beat T. E. Hood and M. M. Davies (14) one up.

**Second Round :** Morgan and Coventry beat Pattinson and Benson by 4 and 3. Haworth and Jones beat Scott and Howard at the 19th.

**Final :** MORGAN and COVENTRY beat Haworth and Jones by 3 and 2.

C.M.H.

## THE STAFF MATCH

To get the use of the new ball and, if necessary, a fair declaration, the School Captain put the masters in to bat. Among the early batsmen only Mr. Johnson reached what we like to think is our normal standard of aggressive batting against some good bowling and fielding. Mr. Nightingale, whom the boys had looked forward to welcoming *next* term, made a few runs, and Mr. Hood swished about painfully, a ghost of his true self. Mr. Morgan hit the one and only six, but never settled down. Even the dramatic, and probably illegal, appearance of Mr. Coventry failed to turn the tide. At last Mr. Davies, supported by some vintage stone-walling by Mr. G. M. Jones, hit the bowling with exemplary zeal in all directions: 49 runs were added for the last wicket, and but for misunderstood instructions from the pavilion Mr. Davies would probably have got his 50.

Set to get 162 runs for victory, the boys were faced at one end by Mr. Beeson (who in view of his added years has changed from the boys' side to ours), bowling with all his usual skill and accuracy, and at the other end by your correspondent enjoying his annual fling. It was the latter who, despite a tendency in the umpire to signal wides behind his back, took the first three wickets, and soon afterwards the patient Mr. Davies had the equally patient Sainsbury l.b.w. Only Mr. Beeson troubled them while they added 66 runs. Various bowling changes were of no avail: Mr. Jones was weary after his long innings, and Mr. Barnes (after doing all the running about in the field for us) unable to bowl up-hill at his usual pace. Your correspondent was in the last stages of exhaustion.

At this juncture, when the match was very nearly won by the School, a bad bit of running broke up the partnership, and the wickets began to tumble again. R. C. Jones and Pilgrim fought valiantly to get the necessary runs, but Mr. Beeson and Mr. Davies, aided by some fine stumping and another silly run-out, gained us a very narrow and exciting victory by 2 runs.

C.M.H.

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## ATHLETICS

An early start to the season was made on March 24th, when we were invited to participate in a triangular match with William Ellis School, Hampstead, and Haberdashers' Aske's, Hampstead School, at Parliament Hill. Our team of three age groups collected 7 first places, 9 second places and 7 third places, to be placed second after William Ellis, the home team.

The School Sports were held on May 7th and several records were broken. B. K. Johnson, in the 220 yards, was timed at 23.8 seconds; I. Johnson threw the cricket ball over 96 yards; R. I. Garratt ran the mile in 4 mins. 47  $\frac{1}{5}$  seconds; A Gordon ran his 440 yards in 52  $\frac{2}{5}$  seconds; Lomas hurled the javelin 144 feet, and B. K. Johnson was again among the record-breakers with a weight put of 37 ft. 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  ins.

## RESULTS

**Group 1** (under 12): 80 yds.—1 Currell, 2 Pratley, 3 Vickers. 150 yds.—1 Currell, 2 Shackell, 3 Robson. Long Jump—1 Currell, 2 Youds, 3 Hudson, 11ft. 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. High Jump—1 Currell, 2 Robson, 3 Hudson, 3ft. 9 ins. Relay—1 Disraeli House, 2 Fraser, 3 Arnison. Group 1 Champion—Currell; runner-up—Robson.

**Group 2** (under 13): 100 yds.—1 Holloman, 2 Legg, 3 Clark, 12.8 secs. 220 yds.—1 Holloman, 2 Legg, 3 Jarman, 29.6 secs. 440 yds.—1 Holloman, 2 Clark, 3 Hodge, 68.4 secs. Long Jump—1 Holloman, 2 Breslin, 3 Brown, 13ft. 9 ins. High Jump—1 Brown, 2 Johnson, 3 Hodge, 4ft. 10 ins. Relay—1 Fraser, 2 Disraeli, 3 Youens. Group 2 champion—Holloman; runners-up—Brown and Legg.

**Group 3** (under 14): 100 yds.—1 Craft, 2 Volkonsky, 3 Richardson, 11.8 secs. 220 yds.—1 Craft, 2 Volkonsky, 3 McIntyre, 27.4 secs. 440 yds.—1 Craft, 2 Volkonsky, 3 McIntyre. 880 yds.—1 Craft, 2 McIntyre, 3 Bishop, 2 mins. 33 secs. Long Jump—1 Richardson, 2 Craft, 3 Thorne, 14ft. 7 ins. High Jump—1 McIntyre, 2 Thorne, 3 Willatt, 4ft. 8 ins. Shot—1 Craft, 2 Field, 3 Richardson, 33ft. 10 ins. Relay—1 Arnison, 2 Youens, 3 Fraser. Group 3 champion—Craft; runner-up—McIntyre.

**Group 4** (under 15): 100 yds.—1, Richardson, 2 Bunday, 3 Faulkner, 11.8 secs. 220 yds.—1 Richardson, 2 Faulkner, 3 Bunday, 27 secs. 440 yds.—1 Faulkner, 2 Westcott, 3 Rear. Long Jump—1 Faulkner, 2 Chinery, 3 Jones, 14ft. 10 ins. High Jump—1 Jones, 2 Faulkner, 3 Bunday, 4ft. 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  ins. Javelin—1 Faulkner, 2 Jones. Discus—1 Jones, 2 Faulkner, 3 Smithers, 22ft. 10 ins. Shot—1 Faulkner, 2 Smithers, 3 Braybrook. Relay—1 Youens, 2 Fraser, 3 Arnison. Group 4 champion—Faulkner; runner-up—Jones, R. C.

**Group 5** (under 17): 100 yds.—1 Gordon, 2 Jones, K. C., 3 Jones, G. D. B., 10.8 secs. 220 yds.—1 Gordon, 2 Jones, K. C., 3 Jones, G. D. B., 24 secs. 440 yds.—1 Gordon, 2 Sherlock, 3 Sainsbury, 54 secs. 880 yds.—1 Jones, K. C., 2 Uphill, 3 Norrish. 1 mile—1 Jones, K. C., 2 Norrish, 3 Bond, 5 mins. 13.3 secs. Long Jump—1 Gordon, 2 Smith, 3 Hart, 16ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Javelin—1 Jones, 2 Abercrombie, 3 Lomas, 142ft. 11 ins. Discus—1 Johnson, 2 Dunningham, 3 Jones, K. C., 117ft. Shot—1 Johnson, 2 Gordon, 3 Jones, 42ft. 6 ins. Relay—1 Arnison, 2 Fraser, 3 Disraeli. Group 5 champion—Gordon; runner-up—Jones, K. C.

**Group 6** (open, over 17): 100 yds.—1 Johnson, B. K., 2 Ludlam, 3 Monks, 10 2-5th secs. 220 yds.—1 Johnson, B. K., 2 Garratt, 3 Ludlam, 23 4-5th secs. 440 yds.—1 Gordon, 2 Fellows, 3 Smyth, 52 2-5th secs. 880 yds.—1 Garratt, 2 Ludlam, 3 Barratt, 2 mins. 11 1-5th secs. 1 mile—1 Garratt, 2 Barrett, 3 Ludlam, 4 mins. 47 1-5th secs. Long Jump—1 Nash, 2 Johnson, B. K., 3 Colver, 17ft. 1 in. Javelin—1 Lomas, 2 Jones, K. C., 3 Abercrombie, 144ft. Discus—1 Johnson, 2 Hall, 3 Edwards, 108ft. 10 ins. Shot—1 Johnson, 2 Hall, 3 Nash, 37ft. 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. Throwing the Cricket Ball—1 Johnston, 2 Ashby, 3 Johnson, 96 yds 2ft. 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. Relay—1 Disraeli, 2 Fraser, 3 Arnison. Group 6 champion—Johnson, B. K.; runner-up—Garratt, R. I.

The House Challenge Cup was won by Fraser (161½ pts.), with Youens 2nd (158½), Disraeli 3rd (156) and Arnison 4th (116).

In the District Sports the following boys won first places in their events: Holloman (100 yds. and 220 yds.), Abercrombie (Javelin), M. D. Jones (Discus), A. J. Gordon (440 yds.), B. K. Johnson (Long Jump, 100 yds.), K. C. Jones (880 yds.), and M. J. Richardson (220 yds.). Other boys to be placed were: M. Deitchman (Discus and Long Jump), T. E. Uphill (880 yds.), J. A. Norrish (1 Mile), R. E. Lomas (Javelin), J. H. Richardson (Long Jump), K. Faulkner (440 yds.), G. D. B. Jones (100 yds. and 220 yds.), and J. Smithers (Javelin).

No competition was held for athletes over the age of 17 in these sports.

Another School fixture with the Army Apprentices School, Arborfield, provided the right sort of competition for the senior boys before the County Sports. The School won by the narrow margin of 3 pts, chiefly owing to our track athletes, among whom Garratt, Barratt, Ludlam, K. C. Jones, Gordon, Johnson, Sherlock and G. D. B. Jones were outstanding. C. Nash broke the Army School record for the Hop, Step and Jump in covering over 39 ft., whilst Gordon lowered the 440 yds record and Ludlam broke the 880 yds. record.

The County Sports, held at Aylesbury, was another occasion for fine performances by the School team. B. K. Johnson jumped 20 ft. 5½ ins., and came second in the 100 yds. R. I. Garratt won the Senior half-mile in 2 mins. 9.6 secs., with Ludlam, who came second in the 220 yds., in second place again. Edwards won the weight put, and Nash the high and long jumps. K. C. Jones won the Intermediate half-mile, and A. J. Gordon created a new record in the 440 yds. with a time of 52.7 secs. Sherlock, a vastly improved athlete, ran a fine race to finish in third position. Seven of our boys were chosen to represent Bucks in the All-England Schools Athletic Championships at Uxbridge on Friday, July 17th, and Saturday, July 18th, against the best athletes in the country. A. J. Gordon ran a beautifully judged race to win the Intermediate 440 yds. in 51.9 secs., this gaining the first All-England win for the School since 1947, when J. E. Woodward won the 100 yds. at Bath. R. C. Jones, with a magnificent throw of 165 ft. 2½ ins., came second in the Javelin.

## SWIMMING

The Second Forms have had seven visits to Burnham Beeches for swimming instruction.

Boys who are already swimmers have been given the opportunity this year of testing their proficiency through the Amateur Swimming Association's Schools Medal Scheme. Boys successful in gaining this award numbered 39 in all and included groups from each form in School. They were : (2nd Forms) D. P. May, B. J. Rogers, N. D. P. Williams, A. Godley ; (3rd Forms) G. L. S. Hickey ; (4th Forms) D. M. Williams, C. J. Melsom, C. L. Rankin, B. R. Youens, J. P. Quick, J. Brine ; (5th Forms) R. W. R. Deacon, K. Faulkner, D. L. Godley, R. C. Vickers, W. G. Ashcroft, A. Stewart, D. B. Read, N. C. Gosling, A. Edwards, C. L. Westcott, F. M. Evans, E. C. Bond ; (Upper 5th) F. Hawkins, A. Sallows, J. R. Morgans, C. Thompsett, S. Hepburn, D. H. M. Lipman, C. Ashby, J. Warner ; (6th Form) J. G. Deller, R. Ludlam, M. J. P. Stevens, I. Johnston, J. Brooks, D. Kay, J. H. King, R. Hellman.

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## CRICKET CLUB 1953

The end of a School cricket season is a time of mixed feelings. By July the team has become welded together and is playing as a complete unit. The Captain is in full control of his side and knows the capabilities of each man, the wicket-keeper has complete knowledge of the various bowlers and each player has lost the nerves of the earlier part of the season and is giving of his best. It is at this point that the side is disbanded and farewells are said to the older members who are leaving and who have done such good work for the Club, helping the youngsters and keeping the general organisation up to standard. These days, however, it is not the end of cricket for most of the players as they can now turn over to Club Cricket and gain vital experience in a completely new type of cricket. The clubs are all very pleased to accept youth at this time of the season as many regular club cricketers are on holiday and the influx of new blood helps to keep the sides at full strength.

The School has enjoyed an extremely good season. R. C. Wing, the School captain, ably assisted by M. G. Walker, his vice-captain, has captained the side with intelligence and quiet confidence, and has brought out the best from most of the players. The side contained an element of experienced players and a young contingent—all of whom will be staying on next year to form the nucleus of another strong side in 1954. The bowling has always been slightly suspect, as the number of drawn games indicates. The bulk of the

wickets have been taken by two bowlers—J. W. Pursey and R. C. Ashby (both can claim over 50 wickets each). One more good hostile bowler would have increased the number of games won. Fielding has usually been above average except for occasional lapses—notably in the Reading match—but more practice is needed to improve anticipation and throwing-in. The visit to Lords to watch the Australians should have shown the side that good fielding can keep the best of batsmen quiet and make a mediocre bowler seem quite good. A few words must be said about the wicket-keeper, F. E. J. Hawkins, who has claimed 30 victims this season. His work has been first class and the steady improvement shown throughout the season was completely demonstrated in the Old Boys' match when he stumped three and caught one—the catch and two of the stumpings being outside the leg stump. The understanding between the wicket-keeper and the leg-spinner has been almost 100%.

The batting has been good. The Captain has been able to rely on so many men that only once did the whole side return a low score—this due almost entirely to the mental approach to this vital game rather than the skill of the opponents. As was expected, M. G. Walker and F. E. J. Hawkins have been the most consistent run-getters and both have delighted the spectators more than once with their efforts with the bat. D. J. Crump has been well worth his place in the batting order and has turned a loss or draw into a win more than once. A. Harvey, at 14 years old, the youngest 1st XI Colour for many years, has developed into a good sound bat. Next season and the two or three seasons following he should get many runs for the School XI and in representative cricket. R. F. Sainsbury has improved steadily and is now looking for runs. I. T. Johnston has been his usual self, getting runs when needed.

Altogether it has been a good pleasant season in spite of the weather and many other counter attractions. The keen team spirit shown must be put down to the efforts of the Captain. M. G. Walker, who played regularly for the County Colts in 1952, F. E. J. Hawkins, R. C. Ashby and J. W. Pursey have already been invited to take part in County Colts Trials, and we wish them good luck in this new field of representative cricket.

Our grateful thanks must once more be given to the Umpires—A. C. Hills, Esq., and R. Howard, Esq.—who have done this most important job with great interest and impartiality ; to Mrs. Freeman and her staff for looking after the needs of the inner man, and to Mr. Beeson for the first-class wickets he has provided again this season.

Finally, but by no means least, mention must be made of the fine work done by the scorer, P. Draper. He has worked untiringly throughout the season with great efficiency and good-will.

A final word of advice to those about to leave the School—start playing Club Cricket as soon as the School season ends and continue, in spite of the many other attractions in human or other forms, until you feel that old age makes it imperative that you give up the game just before it gives you up.

H.W.J.

### FIRST XI RESULTS

- May 2—*v* William Borlase School, Marlow. At Home R.G.S. won by 1 wkt.  
 Borlase 80 all out (J. W. Pursey 6 for 32).  
 R.G.S. 81 for 9 wkts. (Crump, D. J., 28).
- .. 9—*v* Wycombe "A" XI. At Home. R.G.S. won by 36 runs.  
 R.G.S. 165 for 4 dec. (F. E. J. Hawkins 83, M. G. Walker 31).  
 Wycombe "A" 130 all out (J. W. Pursey 4 for 27).
- .. 13—*v* Amersham Grammar School. At Home. R.G.S. won by 69 runs.  
 R.G.S. 113 for 7 dec. (M. G. Walker 49).  
 Amersham 44 all out (J. W. Pursey 4 for 15, R. Ashby 5 for 10).
- .. 20—*v* William Borlase School, Marlow. At Home. R.G.S. won by 5 wkts.  
 R.G.S. 59 for 5 wkts.  
 Borlase 57 all out (R. C. Ashby 5 for 15).
- .. 27—*v* Windsor County School. Away. Match drawn.  
 Windsor 103 all out (J. W. Pursey 7 for 33).  
 R.G.S. 101 for 9 wkts. (Crump, D.J., 23, Johnston, I. T., 21).
- June 6—*v* Reading School. At Home. R.G.S. lost by 95 runs.  
 Reading 139 for 7 dec. (J. W. Pursey 4 for 50).  
 R.G.S. 44 all out.
- .. 10—*v* R.A.F. (High Wycombe). At Home. R.G.S. won by 42 runs.  
 R.G.S. 115 all out (F. E. J. Hawkins 31, Johnston, I. T., 22).  
 R.A.F. 73 all out (J. W. Pursey 6 for 32).
- .. 13—*v* Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth. Away. Match drawn.  
 R.M.S. 133 for 6 dec. (R. C. Ashby 5 for 32).  
 R.G.S. 124 for 4 wkts. (F. Hawkins 44, Harvey, A. 30).
- .. 20—*v* Southfield School. At Home. R.G.S. won by 99 runs.  
 R.G.S. 119 for 8 dec. (Harvey, A., 51 not out).  
 Southfield 20 all out (R. C. Ashby 6 for 11, Bristow, R. C., 3 for 4).
- .. 24—*v* Abingdon School. At Home. Match drawn.  
 R.G.S. 122 for 6 dec. (F. Hawkins 65, M. Walker 21).  
 Abingdon 79 for 8 wkts. (R. C. Ashby 3 for 20, J. W. Pursey 3 for 38).
- .. 27—*v* St. Benedict's School. At Home. R.G.S. won by 2 wkts.  
 St. Benedict's 88 all out (J. W. Pursey 5 for 28, Olsen, T. C., 3 for 19).  
 R.G.S. 89 for 8 wkts. (Sainsbury, R. F., 28 not out).
- July 1—*v* Staff XI. At Home. R.G.S. lost by 2 runs.  
 Staff 161 all out (R. C. Ashby 4 for 31, J. W. Pursey 4 for 33).  
 R.G.S. 159 all out (D. J. Crump 33, R. C. Wing 30).
- .. 4—*v* Newbury Grammar School. At Home. Match drawn.  
 R.G.S. 152 for 4 dec. (F. Hawkins 69, M. Walker 59 not out).  
 Newbury 140 for 7 wkts. (J. W. Pursey 4 for 46).

- July 11—*v* Leighton Park School, Reading. Away. Match drawn.  
 R.G.S. 195 for 7 dec. (D. J. Crump 71, Sainsbury, R. F., 41 not out, M. G. Walker 39).  
 Leighton Park 156 for 7 wkts. (J. W. Pursey 4 for 55).
- .. 15—*v* Dunstable Grammar School. Away. R.G.S. won by 5 wkts.  
 Dunstable 62 all out (R. C. Ashby 5 for 9, J. W. Pursey 4 for 30).  
 R.G.S. 63 for 5 wkts.
- .. 18—*v* Old Boys XI. At Home. R.G.S. won by 21 runs.  
 R.G.S. 106 all out (F. E. J. Hawkins 28, M. G. Walker 23).  
 Old Boys 85 all out (J. W. Pursey 4 for 29).
- .. 22—*v* Bucks County Colts Trial XI. At Home. R.G.S. won by 2 wkts.  
 Bucks Colts 107 for 4 dec. (J. W. Pursey 3 for 37).  
 R.G.S. 109 for 8 wkts. (M. G. Walker 45).  
 Games played 17, Won 10, Lost 2, Drawn 5.

**Final House Match :** Disraeli 65 (J. W. Pursey 7 for 19).  
 Arnison 69 for 3 (M. Walker 40 not out, R. Wing 21 not out).

**Colours,** and when awarded :—

**1st XI :** D. J. Crump (28.5.53), A. Harvey (22.6.53), R. F. Sainsbury (13.7.53), I. T. Johnson (20.7.53).

**2nd XI :** Harvey, A., Jones, R.C. (14.5.53), Bristow, R. C., Sainsbury, R. F., Olsen, T. C. (8.6.53), Saddler, A. J. (17.6.53), Hall, P. C. S., Griffiths, D. J., Burrows, D. (13.7.53).

### FIRST XI AVERAGES

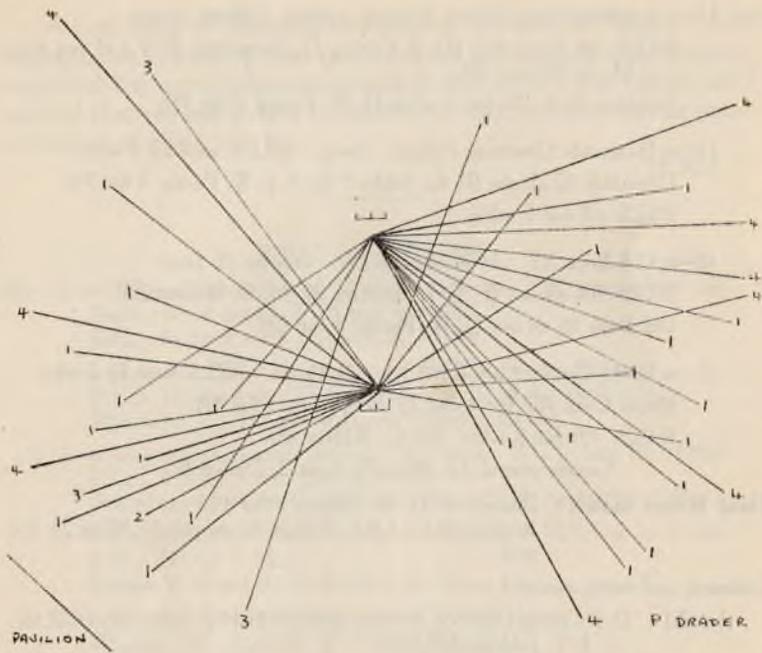
Name	Innings	Batting			Highest Score	Average
		Times Not Out	Runs			
F. Hawkins	...	17	0	391	83	23.0
M. Walker	...	17	1	330	59*	20.6
R. Sainsbury	...	8	2	115	41*	19.1
D. Crump	...	17	2	262	71	17.5
A. Harvey	...	16	1	174	51*	11.6
R. Ashby	...	10	3	81	19*	11.6

(\*—not out)

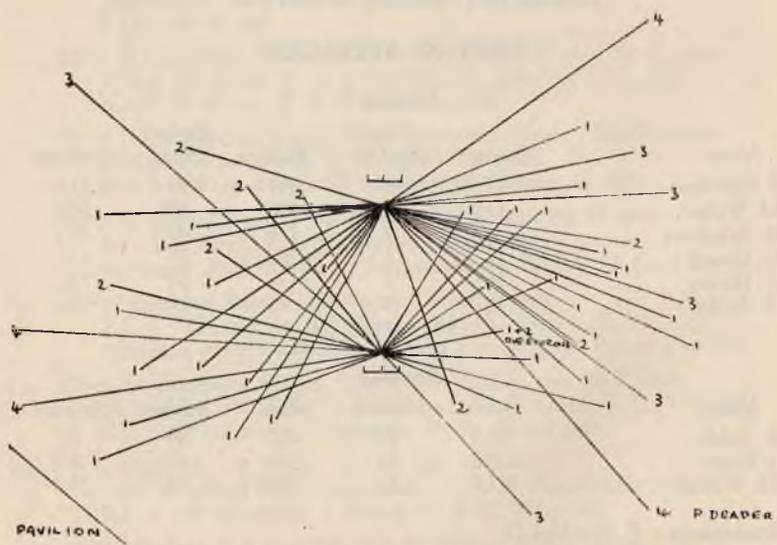
Name	Overs	Bowling				
		Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	
R. Ashby	...	193.5	49	402	49	8.2
J. Pursey	...	220.2	39	578	65	8.8
M. Walker	...	111.0	23	258	11	23.4

**Stumpings :** F. Hawkins 23.

**Catches :** F. Hawkins 7, R. Wing 6, J. Pursey 4, A. Harvey, D. Crump. I. Johnston, Pilgrim, R., R. Sainsbury 3



D. J. CRUMP—71 runs in 88 mins. *v.* Leighton Park School, Reading.



F. E. J. HAWKINS—83 runs in 96 mins. *v.* Wycombe "A" XI.

## SECOND XI

A most enjoyable season. Such a statement is usually the prelude to "despite the few matches won," but in this case the record is good in itself: 5 matches won and 2 lost out of the ten played. The foundation of such success has been in the bowlers. Uphill and Eales, despite criticism, have nearly always succeeded in dismissing the opponents for moderate scores. Bristow returned some startling figures at the beginning of the season, but promotion and injury preceded a loss of accuracy. Saddler has bowled his slow stuff with some success, but would have done better if he had followed advice from classical, and other, sources. The result of such bowling has been that the batsmen have not been asked to perform miracles: 11, 22 and 40 have been sufficient totals to win. This was just as well, for they fought shy of runs. File has always looked competent and confident, but has always been out quickly nevertheless. Bignell made 50 not out against Windsor, and then, ashamed at having made so many runs in one innings, was as unsound and unprolific as his running between the wickets was slow. Garratt has been the saviour of the side on many occasions, coming in when wickets were down with few runs on the board. Sainsbury scored an attractive 50 before he left for higher spheres. Saddler played most correctly, while Uphill won the match against Newbury with some creditable hitting.

The fielding, with the exception of the last game, has been typical of a 2nd XI. But what success has been gained has resulted largely from the spirit of the team—cheerful, co-operative, yet not lacking the desire to win. The captain, File, must take much of the credit for this. He has been an excellent captain for the third successive year. Now that he and many of the team's stalwarts are leaving, it is to be hoped that those remaining will carry on with the same happy spirit.

J.G.L.

### SECOND XI RESULTS

- May 9—v Amersham Grammar School. At Home. R.G.S. won by 6 wkts.  
Amersham 39 all out.  
R.G.S. 49 for 4 wkts. (Pilgrim, R. G., 23).
- .. 20—v William Borlase School, Marlow. Away. R.G.S. won by 8 wkts.  
Borlase 21 all out (Bristow, R. C., 3 for 1, Olsen 4 for 4).  
R.G.S. 22 for 2 wkts.
- .. 27—v Windsor County School. At Home. Match abandoned.  
R.G.S. 112 for 5 dec. (Bignell, B. G., 50 not out, Olsen 34 not out).  
Windsor 44 for 4 wkts.
- June 6—v Reading School. Away. Match drawn.  
Reading 155 for 6 dec.  
R.G.S. 104 for 6 wkts. (Sainsbury 52 not out, Saddler 25).

June 13—*v* Royal Masonic School, Rickmansworth. At Home. R.G.S. lost by 11 runs.

R.G.S. 68 all out (Olsen, T. C., 20).

Royal Masonic 79 all out (Olsen, T. C., 5 for 27, Eales, J., 4 for 27).

.. 20—*v* Southfield School, Oxford. Away. R.G.S. won by 10 wkts.

Southfield 10 all out (Uphill, T. E., 5 for 2, Eales, J. 5 for 5).

R.G.S. 11 for 0 wkt.

.. 27—*v* St. Benedict's School. Away. R.G.S. won by 4 wkts.

St. Benedict's 114 all out (Saddler, A. J., 4 for 22).

R.G.S. 115 for 6 wkts. (Garratt, M. J., 35, Johnston, I. T. 40).

July 4—*v* Newbury Grammar School. Away. R.G.S. won by 1 wkt.

Newbury 113 all out (Saddler, A. J., 3 for 14).

R.G.S. 114 for 9 wkts. (Uphill, T., 38 not out, Johnston, I., 27).

.. 11—*v* Leighton Park School. At Home. R.G.S. lost by 54 runs.

Leighton Park 132 for 7 dec.

R.G.S. 78 all out (Jones, R. C., 28).

.. 15—*v* Dunstable Grammer School. At Home. Match drawn.

R.G.S. 80 for 9 dec.

Dunstable 55 for 9 wkts. (Saddler, A. J., 7 for 24).

Games played 10, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 2.

One game abandoned.

## SECOND XI AVERAGES

	<b>Batting</b>		<i>Total Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times Not Out</i>			
Garratt, M. J. ... ..	9	1	111	35	13.9
Bignell, B. G. ... ..	9	1	88	50*	11.0
Saddler, A. J. ... ..	7	0	61	26	8.7
File, R. C. ... ..	9	2	43	10	6.1

Also batted : R. F. Sainsbury 3 and 52\*, I. T. Johnston 40 and 27, Uphill, T. E., 5, 38\* and 0, Jones, R. C., 28 and 2, Olsen, T. C., 35\*, 1 and 20.

\* signifies not out.

	<b>Bowling</b>				
	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Bristow, R. C. ... ..	31	12	60	12	5.0
Uphill, T. E. ... ..	56	22	91	16	5.7
Olsen, T. C. ... ..	42	11	86	13	6.6
Saddler, A. J. ... ..	57	8	141	19	7.4
Eales, J. ... ..	74	21	141	19	7.4

**Stumpings :** File 5.

**Catches :** File 4, Uphill, Garratt, Hall, P. C. S., Saddler 3, Bristow 2, Eales, Olsen, Sainsbury, Bignell, Edwards, J. P. J., Burrows, Jones, R. C., 1.

The Team was : File, Garratt, Brooks, Jones, R. C., Eales, Uphill, Bignell, Saddler, Hall, P. C. S., Griffiths, Burrows, and Bristow, R. C. All were awarded their Colours.

## COLTS

Matches Played 7, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 2.

The Colts had a fairly successful season. Their play was seldom dull, and they might have given Reading a lesson in brighter cricket if there had not been something like a panic in the middle of the innings. By and large, the batting was unreliable, but on occasions Deitchman, Smithers and Wright did well. The bowling was more successful. Squires bowled very well at his best, but sometimes sacrificed accuracy to speed. Taylor and Briden, the slow bowlers, were more consistent and usually kept a good length. Fielding was not always as keen or as skilful as it might have been and it was in this respect that the side sometimes lost its grip on the game.

L.J.A.

The team for the photograph was :

Wright, A. J. C. (Captain), Sallows, Deitchman, Smithers, Briden, Taylor, G. N., Todd, Bond, T. J., Faulkner, Leslie, Vickers, Squires and Price.

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## JUNIOR COLTS

Played 8, Won 7, Lost 1.

This year's side, if not so spectacular as that of last year, has won its matches in a very competent manner. It was in fact a well-balanced team with few real weaknesses. But the opposition has so often been rather weak that it is difficult to assess the real merit of the performances.

There has clearly been considerable potential power in the batting ; but too often only one of the early batsmen managed to stay, so that scores were never so high as they might well have been. Bone, Austin and Edwards, however, all played some good forcing cricket and were never afraid to attack. Hares, who was a shrewd and thoughtful captain, showed an ability to stay, but his scoring shots lacked power. Sometimes, after a good position had been established, some of the later batsmen showed an undue respect for the bowling and allowed it to regain the upper hand. There was at least one for whom, apparently, there was no ball bad enough to be hit.

Our bowling was usually flattered by the opponents. Tilbury bowled quite fast but seldom accurately enough to take wickets constantly. Hares and Pettifer, however, had the great virtue of steadiness. They kept the ball well up to the batsman and seldom bowled a really bad ball. Except on one occasion this was enough.

One last point that would-be cricketers might note. There was one of this side, Jones, who kept his place by virtue of his fielding.

I should like to express thanks to M. Walker and D. J. Crump for very able and willing help given during the term.

F.S.E.

*Team* : Hares, Austin, Bone, Edwards, Tilbury, Saunders, Pettifer, Jones, Gregory, Barber, Patrick.

*Reserves* : Collett, Lawson, Gibson, Ridgley.

### JUNIOR COLTS' AVERAGES

	<b>Batting</b>		<i>No. of Runs</i>	<i>Highest Innings</i>	<i>Average</i>
	<i>No of Innings</i>	<i>Times Not Out</i>			
Edwards ... ..	8	0	142	55	17.7
Austin ... ..	6	0	102	48	17.0
Bone ... ..	8	0	127	33	15.8
Saunders ... ..	8	1	71	21*	10.1

	<b>Bowling</b>			<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>		
Jones ... ..	12	6	12	7	1.7
Tilbury ... ..	30	15	29	13	2.3
Pettifer ... ..	48	19	64	17	3.8
Hares ... ..	41	12	80	17	4.7

### TENNIS

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 5.

This year's tennis has been of quite a reasonable standard despite the fact that we started the season with no Colours from last year. The enthusiasm shown was such that we joined the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association and are playing at Wimbledon in the Youth Cup this summer.

The other schools played have not shown as high a standard of tennis as our six and our defeats were suffered at the hands of adult sides.

The first pair, J. Deller and E. Hall, have been erratic, but these two boys are capable of tennis of a high standard and we expect them to hold their own at Wimbledon. Gary Bristow (the captain) and B. K. Johnson have played some good games together and with more determination and "devil" could do really well. Our third pair has not been a very permanent combination, but Dunningham and Monks have shown great promise. G. D. B. Jones, Cattermole and Weaver have also played in the third pair.

The School Tennis Singles Championship was won by R. C. Wing, who beat Dunningham in the final by 6-4, 6-4.

The School Tennis Doubles Championship was won by F. Hawkins and A. Saddler, who defeated R. C. Wing and J. Pursey in the final by 11—13, 7—5, 6—3.

Colours for the 1953 season were awarded to : G. J. Bristow, E. Hall, J. Deller and B. K. Johnson.

M.M.D.

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## SCHOOL FETE AND BAZAAR

The appeal for contributions towards the Old Wycombiensians' War Memorial Fund produced in its early stages an amount which seemed to the Committee likely to meet the cost of the brass tablet recording the Roll of Honour, but not likely to leave very much of a surplus towards the secondary object of the Appeal, which was to build a Memorial Pavilion on the School field. In November of last year, therefore, the Staff of the School resolved to hold a giant Fête and Bazaar during the next summer on a scale calculated to raise a large sum. The target set was £1,000. To many this seemed an aim impossible of attainment, but as soon as the Committee of masters was formed, the date fixed, and preparations begun, a spirit of great optimism pervaded the whole endeavour. The date chosen was the 30th May, the Saturday before the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and a Saturday well in advance of the numerous other Fêtes in the neighbourhood which were already in the planning process. A very strong committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Morgan worked most devotedly, sending numerous circulars out to every parent in the School, to Old Boys, and to friends known and unsuspected in the town. Parents promptly set to work to make articles likely to command a good sale and raise an attractive price. It was decided that there must be proper tea arrangements and Mrs. Freeman's willing help was sought by the committee running the refreshments. Over the whole enterprise the cheerful, infinitely capable hand of Mr. Scott, the secretary, exercised the shrewdest guidance.

It was not, however, until the tickets were actually printed and the boys of the School had covered the whole town and neighbourhood on a plan arranged by Mr. Benson and the money started pouring in that we realised that the Fête was attracting the interest and attention of the general public to an unprecedented extent. On the week previous to the Fête the contributions from parents and friends kept pouring in : generous cheques came from Mr. G. W. Arnison, our old Headmaster, from Wycombe Abbey, from the *Bucks Free Press*, Mr. Bartle and Mr. Brand (old masters), and numerous parents. Most handsome articles of furniture given by manufacturers in the town met each other in the School doorway.

Parents who were either in the furniture business or were keen amateurs brought along most delightfully made articles which had taken many of their leisure hours. Mr. Dick Broom contributed some of his charming paintings ; mothers sent along fancy goods, tea cosies, linen cloths, hand-made toys, groceries, together with many articles of confectionery which very much tempted the masters assisting, and on the Friday, when the stalls had been set up and the countless gifts put on display, we realised that the Saturday was going to see an event which would make history. Much excellent advertising had already been done through Mr. Grant's indefatigable help and ingenuity, and when the day arrived, gloomy, alas, in the morning but smiling upon us later, and when our own V.C., Ian Fraser, arrived to open the Fête, with the support of our Chairman and Mrs. Raffety, the present Mayor and Mayoress, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, he was welcomed by a crowd which, including boys, must have numbered between two and three thousand. The whole perimeter of the field had been laid out with various sideshows and the pockets full of money brought by many generous parents soon vanished into the tills of the boys and masters who were in charge of these various sideshows. One could ride on someone's pet pony, have one's fortune told, undergo a most elegant beauty treatment, bomb the target, hit the rat, test one's steady hand, hear your own voice reproduced, try to bowl out two indefatigable members of the first cricket team, visit a stamp exhibition, buy a shilling's worth of shots on the School's rifle range, sit on the switchback railway, let off gas balloons, play skittles, kick footballs, throw at Aunt Sallies or just have one's photograph taken with one of Mr. Ashby's marvellous new cameras. After doing a tour of the sideshows parents flocked into the main hall, where some seven or eight stalls were most attractively laid out. These stalls undoubtedly represented the greater part of the contributions made or given by parents. The furniture, as was natural in this town, raised the biggest amount ; the new clothing, the fancy goods, the confectionery and the grocery stalls followed next hard in the train of the needlework stall. The bookstall raised the surprising amount of £36, the most attractive flower and garden stall £14 10s.—and so on, though probably the greatest crowd throughout the afternoon milled round the quite unique stall of Indian goods all provided most kindly and presided over by Ali Hussein, in his last term before going up to Balliol, and Falih Caffoor. This raised £26 10s. Other prominent features were the tombola run by the Old Boys which raised £54 and the six big raffles (mention it not) presided over by Governors' wives, who not only gave the most attractive presents which received such custom but also spent the whole busy afternoon and early evening in frantically trying to cope with

customers wishing to buy raffle tickets. The teas which were admirably organised and heavily patronised had been the subject of very much thought and careful arrangement and I think were very much appreciated by everyone who came to the Fête. Here as everywhere the object was to put the prices low so that everyone would go home pleased and satisfied, feeling that they had had a good day rather than, as so often happens at fêtes, with a spirit of resignation knowing that they expected to get very little for their money but that after all it had been in a good cause. As the closing time approached and as the packets of money poured in to Mr. Male sitting at the receipt of custom in the Headmaster's study, carefully guarded by two large policemen, it was obvious to everyone that the target might very well be reached. The Chairman rang up several times in the evening to know the result and masters were working quite late at night trying to get final figures. After a very exhausting but triumphant day we all went to bed satisfied with the conviction that as we had taken over £1,300 we must have made a profit of over £1,000.

If I might be allowed a personal word, I would like to express my warmest thanks to the countless friends of the School who in this big effort made by the masters showed so much great goodwill towards the School and its efforts. Many parents must have spent countless hours preparing their gifts. Others spent very large sums in buying goods to give to the stalls for sale. Many friends in the town who had as far as we know no personal connection with the School gave most generous gifts either of money or of goods for sale, and contributions in actual cash as will be seen by the Balance Sheet raised a substantial sum and proved clearly what a friendly feeling a great number of people in the town have towards us and what we try to do. I know the Governors would like me to join in this sincere expression of gratitude and thanks towards our numerous friends. We always hoped that we had them, but the Fête with its magnificent result has proved it beyond all doubt.

E.R.T.

## BALANCE SHEET

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Entrance tickets ... ..	151	0 0	Postage, etc. ... ..	4	19 3
Donations ... ..	46	2 6	Insurance ... ..	2	10 0
Stalls ... ..	663	17 9	Sundries ... ..	1	12 4
Sideshows ... ..	225	13 6	Decorations ... ..	9	0 0
Tombola (Old Boys) ... ..	54	12 6	Advertising ... ..	24	8 0
Raffles (Governors' Wives)	71	15 0	Service of personnel ... ..	26	5 10
6d. Raffles ... ..	15	1 0	Equipment ... ..	225	4 4
Canteen ... ..	71	15 6			
Stamp Exhibition ... ..	3	11 0	Total expenses ... ..	293	19 9
Clairvoyante ... ..	2	12 6	Profit ... ..	1014	16 3
Beauty salon ... ..	2	15 0			
	£1308	16 3		£1308	16 3

## OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

### Births

R. H. J. JENNINGS (1931-37). On March 23rd, 1953, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Jennings, a daughter.

J. A. VERNON (1927-30). On May 13th, 1953, in Paris, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon, a son.

N. NORMAN (1929-36). On June 22nd, 1953, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Norman, a daughter.

### Golden Wedding

Congratulations to MR. and MRS. G. W. ARNISON on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on August 6th, 1953. We wish them many more happy years together.

### Marriages

CHILTON-SIMPSON. On June 13th, 1953, at High Wycombe, A. E. Chilton (1940-46), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Chilton, to Miss A. M. Simpson.

GRANT-GREENGRASS. On July 11th, 1953, at Marlow, Roger Grant (1932-40), only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grant, to Miss B. R. Greengrass.

### Deaths

T. E. CASTLE (1910-13). On April 3rd, 1953, at Mount Vernon Hospital, Thomas Edward Castle, aged 55 years.

T. E. Castle served in the Motor Machine Gun Corps in the first world war. After the war he joined the staff of Pilot Coaches Ltd. and was employed by them until his death. He was a keen

sportsman and one of the foremost amateur golfers in the district, playing chiefly on the Whiteleaf course. We extend our sympathy to his widow and family.

R. E. LACEY (1917-25). On June 25th, 1953, at Princes Risborough, Reginald Ernest Lacey, aged 46 years.

His School record was : Prefect, Governors' Certificate, London General School Examination Certificate, House Captain, Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate "A", 1st XI Cricket, Captain 1st XI Football. After leaving School he played for Wycombe Wanderers, was a keen gardener, and went in for amateur competition golf. To his great disappointment he was passed unfit for military service and joined the Royal Observer Corps.

### Annual General Meeting

Mr. Tucker, the President of the Club, presided at the Annual General Meeting held in the Art Room at 6.45 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th, 1953. The Rev. A. M. Berry was present and about thirty Old Boys. The President gave a summary of the efforts made by the School and Old Boys towards the Memorial Fund. In round figures the first appeal brought in £600 and the Fête, through the magnificent efforts of everybody, over £1,300, and it was expected that the profit from the Fête would exceed £1,000. The date of the Memorial Service had been fixed for 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th, when members of the Committee would act as stewards. After the Secretary had once more drawn attention to the poor number of members, the Rev. A. M. Berry's proposal that when a boy left an appeal should be sent to the parents with his report suggesting they should pay the Club's annual subscription for a few years was carried unanimously. The Rev. A. M. Berry volunteered to write the appeal. It was also resolved that the next Reunion should be held at the School on March 20th, 1954.

The officers elected for 1953-54 were :—

*President* : E. R. Tucker, Esq.

*Chairman* : S. E. Hands, Esq.

*Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. G. W. Arnison, W. J. Bartle, The Rev. A. M. Berry, Messrs. H. G. Brand, P. C. Raffety, Col. L. L. C. Reynolds.

*Committee* : Messrs. R. W. Bartlett (1902-08), P. S. Groom (1944-50), H. H. Lee (1929-35), G. C. Rayner (1937-45), N. H. Theed (1912-19), L. B. Barnes (1924-30), A. G. Duckering (1940-47), H. C. Hickman (1939-46), J. P. Lord (1932-38), J. K. Prior (1934-40).



## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

W. CHINN (1939-46) helped Ireland to win a boxing tournament against a strong German team, by six bouts to four. In the middle-weight, Chinn, now at Dublin University, after a furious opening assault, had his opponent, Andrean Rupp, completely demoralised in the first round.

R. M. KIMBER (1919-23) has been elected to the Council of the British Dairy Farmers' Association.

R. G. ASHFORD (1941-46) is circumnavigating the world to Australian ports by way of Cape Town, then across to New Zealand, and home *via* the Panama Canal and the West Indies. He is assistant purser on the *Athenic*, a sister ship to the *Gothic*, which is taking the Royal Family on their forthcoming Commonwealth Tour.

M. A. BIRD (1944-50) has gone to Nigeria as a "Field Officer of the West African Institute for Trypanosomiasis Research." The work entails long trips into the bush to obtain specimens of plants and insects, map making, treating cattle and advising natives on health precautions. He hopes to meet D. W. H. Crutchfield (1935-42), who has been in Nigeria for some time.

ALLAN DODGSON (1913-18), after being for a very short time Chief Assistant in Wembley's newest school, has been appointed Headmaster of a school at Vicar's Green, in the industrial area of Wembley, a few yards from the Western Avenue and close to Hoovers. The school was built in 1938-39 and is a lovely building. Dodgson starts there on September 8th, 1953, and knows he has a strenuous time in front of him.

B. J. RANSLEY (1947-52) is another Old Boy who has emigrated to New Zealand; his address is 440 Mount Eden Road, Mount Eden, Auckland. His parents had considerable trouble in finding a suitable home. He has taken up accountancy and admits he could have worked harder at mathematics while at the R.G.S. He thinks New Zealand a fine country and sends his best wishes to all his former friends in 5X.

R. N. STONE (1938-42) is still with Mr. Bicknell at Tadcaster. He sent a subscription towards the new Pavilion, but could not attend the A.G.M. Next year he hopes to teach mostly physics instead of mathematics.

G. C. DYER (1945-51), after leaving School, was for a while with the Thames Gas Board, and then joined the A.S.P. Chemical Company at Gerrards Cross, when he was able to get a post in the Atomic Research Station at Aldermaston. He joined the R.A.F. and has just arrived in Ontario as Acting Pilot Officer to complete his training.

A. REDRUP (1947-51) is doing his National Service in Germany and is likely to remain there till the end of the year.

W. A. WOODS (1912-20), while in Canada representing Broom-Wade Limited, called to see the U.K. Trade Commissioner and found him to be an Old Wycombiensian, namely A. P. Timms (1922-24), who is stationed in the lovely town of Vancouver. Naturally they had a long talk about the R.G.S. Later Sammy met an Englishman who would like news of R. B. ("Cotter") Gotch (1907-14), an O.B. he met in Shanghai. The latest news of Gotch is that he is a bank official in Hong Kong, where he ought to meet W. T. Grimsdale.

G. L. POOLE (1924-30), after a very long silence, wrote to the School in June. On leaving School he joined a steel company in London as an Office Boy, and in 1935 went to their South African branch as a Director. He returned in 1939 to join the Artist Rifles and volunteered to go abroad as a gunner in the Royal Artillery. He served in every rank except that of W.O.I., was evacuated from Dunkirk, went back in 1944, and was invalided out in 1945 with the rank of Staff Captain. He then went to the film business on his own account and then became an Export Merchant. As such he goes all over the world, but the only O.B. he has met was T. L. Ward (1922-28) ("Gobbo"), who was going back after his war service to continue with his sheep farming, helped by his wife and baby. To make up for his neglect of the old School, Poole would like to present a trophy or cup to be awarded for anything, but not for "Classics."!

G. WAITE (1922-28) is another O.B. who has prospered in New Zealand. He owns a chain of boot and shoe shops.

R. W. HARDING (1929-36), who was Sports Master at Chalfont County Secondary School, has been appointed Headmaster of Brigstock County Junior School, near Kettering. As a rugby player he will be missed by the Old Wycombiensian Club.

L. F. HARRIS (1917-21) has been taken into partnership by Messrs. J. Bennet & Son, insurance brokers. Harris joined the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society twenty years ago as an inspector and for the past few years was in charge of their office at Slough.

R. S. C. GILES (1939-44), writing from Tasman Hostel, Lyttelton, Christchurch, New Zealand, says that he and Keith Surridge (1939-44) went to New Zealand in August, 1952, under the Government's Immigration Scheme, and are now employed as telephone exchange mechanics. Surridge is awaiting transfer to the radio section, while Giles is endeavouring to reconstruct the telephone system. Both are very interested in their old School.

## OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club is very perturbed at the few members that join each year from the School, and the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer of the Club (S. E. Hands) hopes that the following facts will help to encourage Old Boys to join and support the Club.

The Club started from a very small beginning in 1927 and has been the work of enthusiastic members, including a few non-Old Boys. Today they are able to field four teams, and the first XV play against the best "A" teams in the London area, such as Wasps, Vandalls and Saracens.

The social side has been greatly improved: they have built their own Club-house which is extensive, well equipped, with a profitable balance sheet.

The Club is perfectly aware that many boys leaving School cannot join immediately—they may be going to the Services or Universities, or may be living at a considerable distance from High Wycombe, but every encouragement is given to boys both when leaving School and when returning from the Forces.

A boy's subscription is only 1/- per annum; he is not expected to pay anything towards transport, tea for visitors, and *certainly not* into the kitty to provide drinks for visiting teams. Rumour has it that everybody gets very much worse for wear on Saturday evenings: this is strongly denied. Young members are well "fathered" by those responsible and, although very welcome, are not expected to stay at the Club-house after a match. Transport is normally by private cars and any young member who wishes to get home early from an away match can, without fail, find car drivers quite as anxious to get away quickly, without any "stops" on the way.

The Club would like to have the names and addresses of all going to the Forces; there will be no subscriptions until they return and they will receive the monthly *News Letter* and a copy of the Annual Report. The subscription for those over 18 years of age is 10/6 per annum, rising to one guinea at the age of 21, plus 3/- a week during the season to cover transport and visitors' teas. Details of Life Membership available after the age of 25 can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer.

On Saturday mornings when the School has no fixture boys are often called on to help the Club, and their assistance is greatly appreciated. At Christmas-time several games are run for youngsters, and here again boys at the School are invited to participate.

It is sincerely hoped that these few facts about the Club will dispel any fear that membership of the O.W. Rugby Club is not a desirable step for boys leaving the R.G.S.

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